

REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has amended the Specification, canceled claims 1-10 and 14, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, amended claims 11-13, and added new claims 20-24. Applicant also proposes to make changes to Figs. 2-10, 13-18, 19A-19B, 20B, 21B, 22-24, and 25A-25B of the drawings, subject to the Examiner's approval. The proposed changes to Figures 2-10, 13-18, 19A-19B, 20B, 21B, 22-24, and 25A-25B are reflected in the annotated sheets in Appendix C. No new matter has been added.


Applicant respectfully requests timely and favorable action in this case.

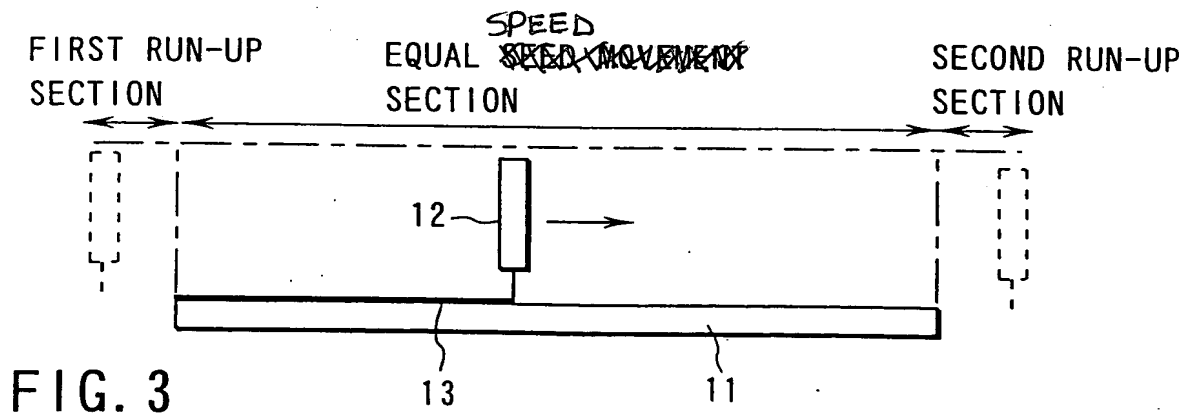
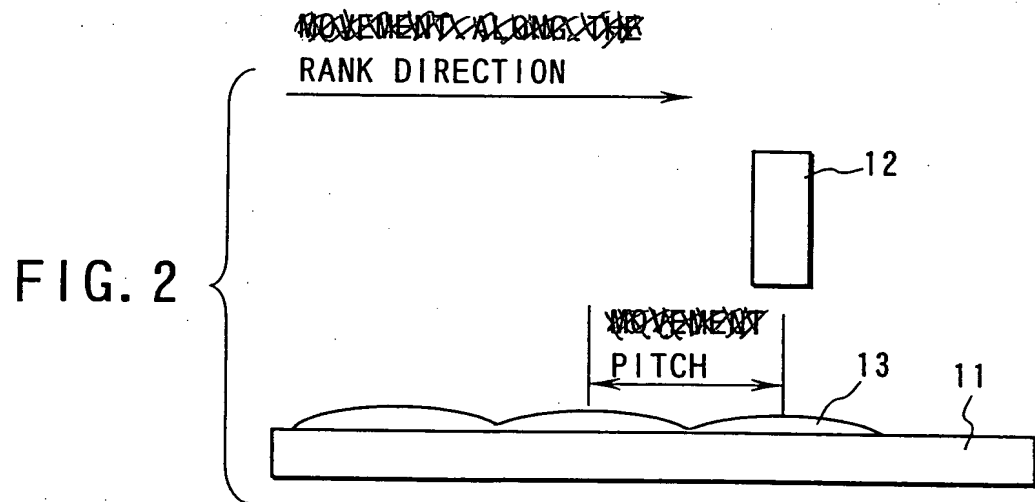
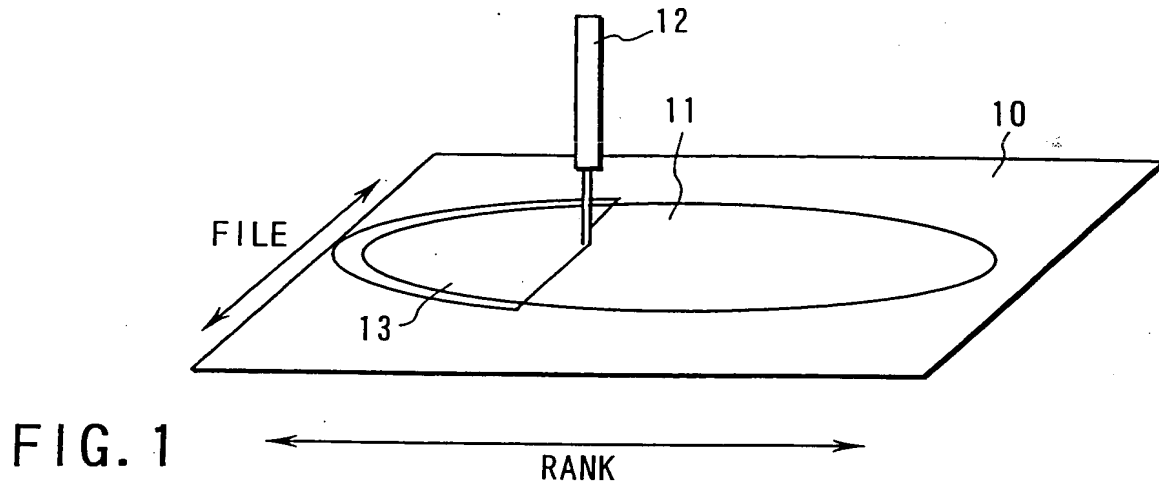
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Respectfully submitted,

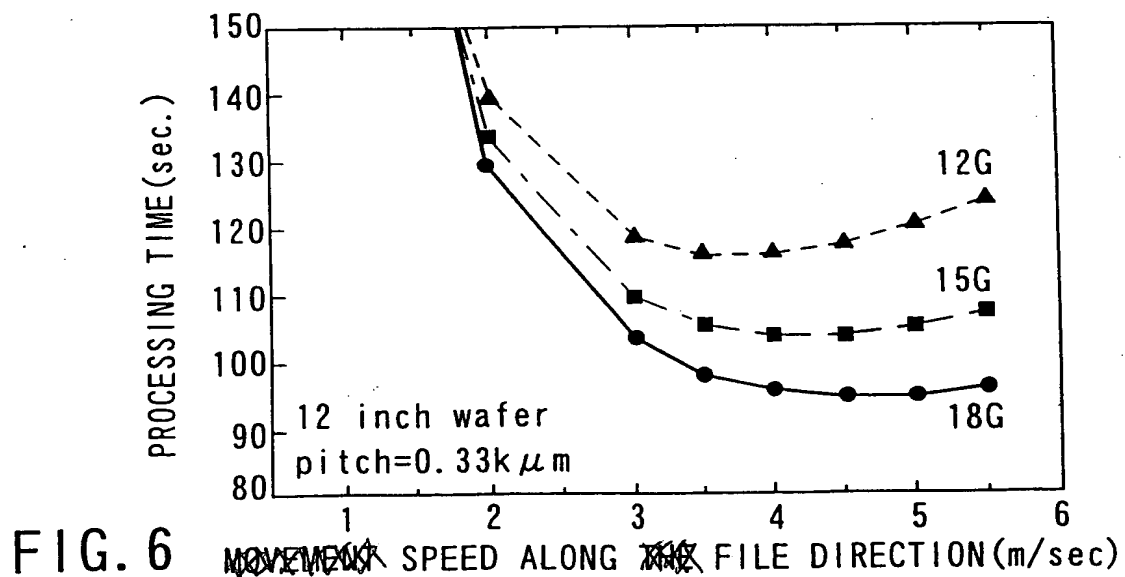
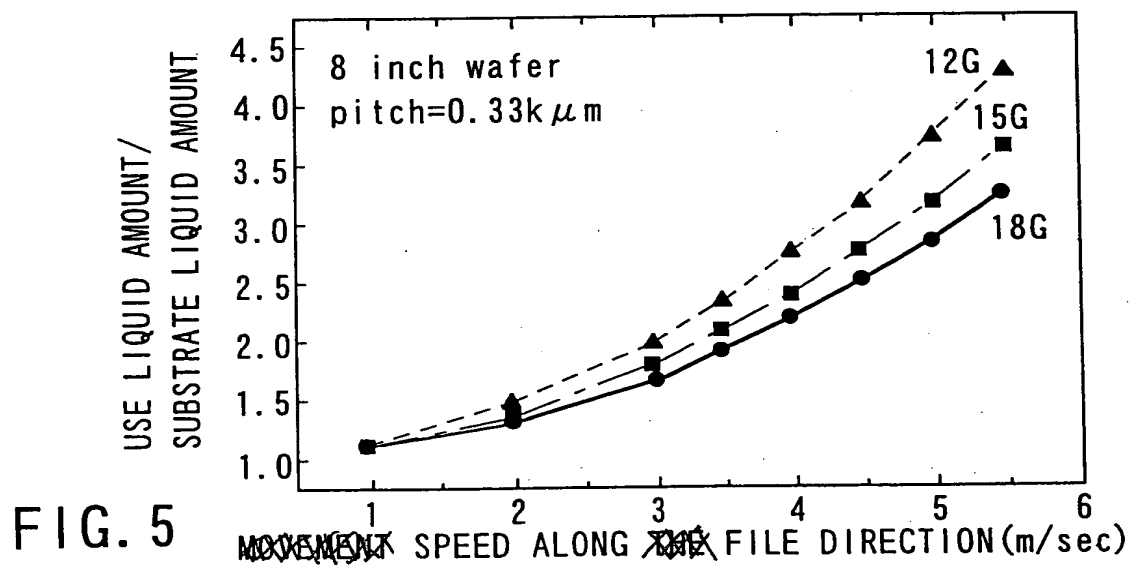
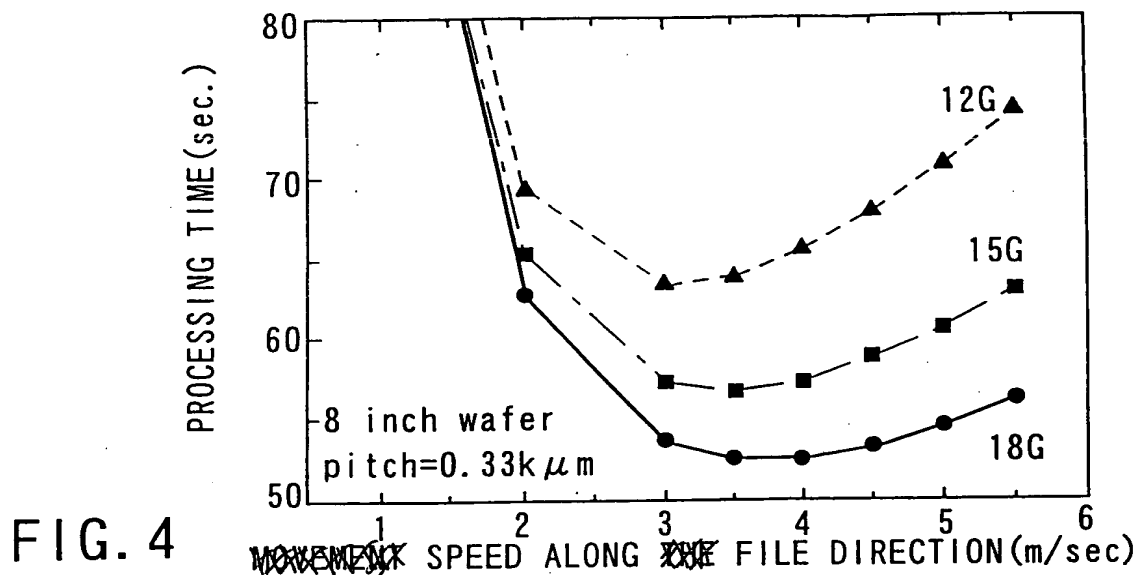
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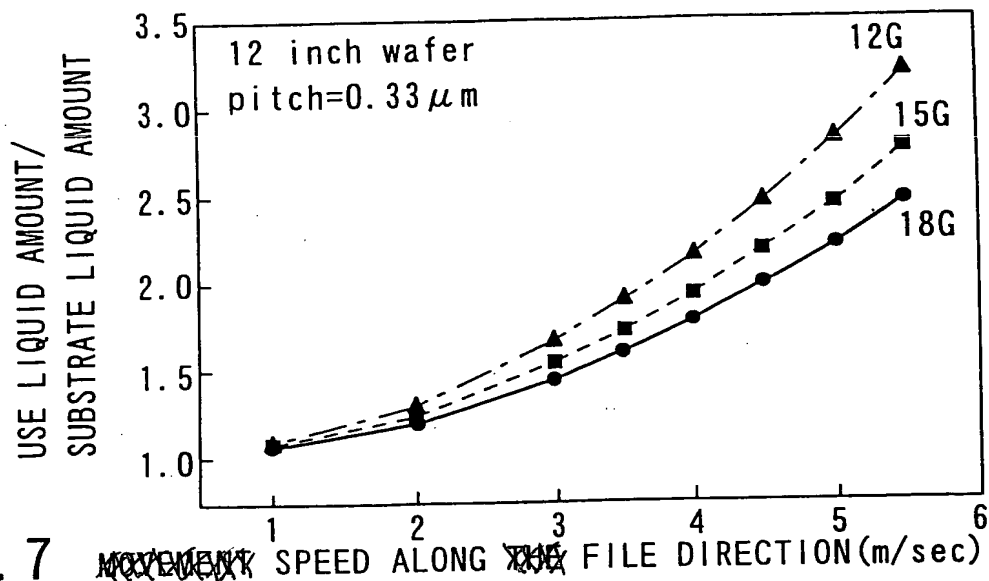


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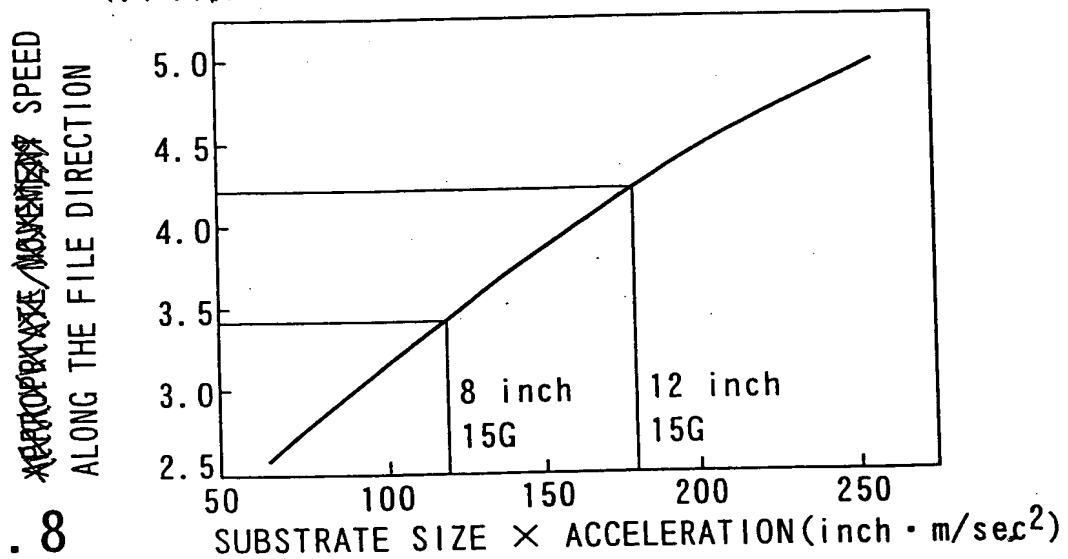


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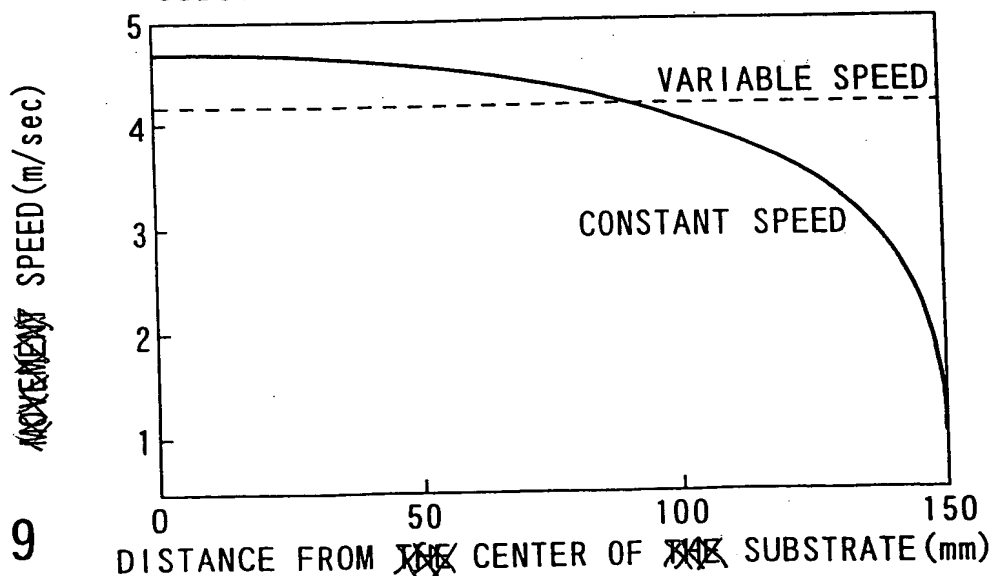
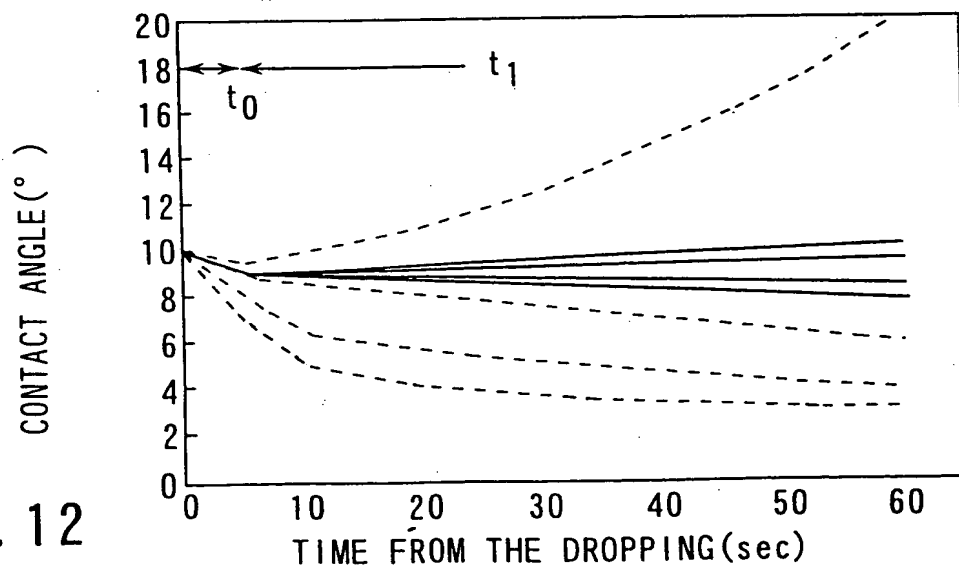
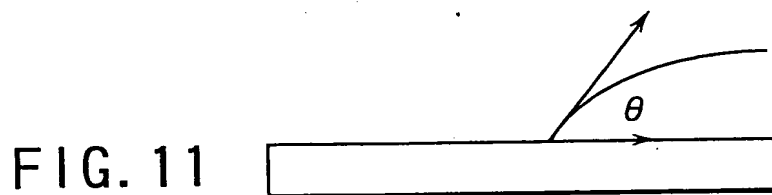
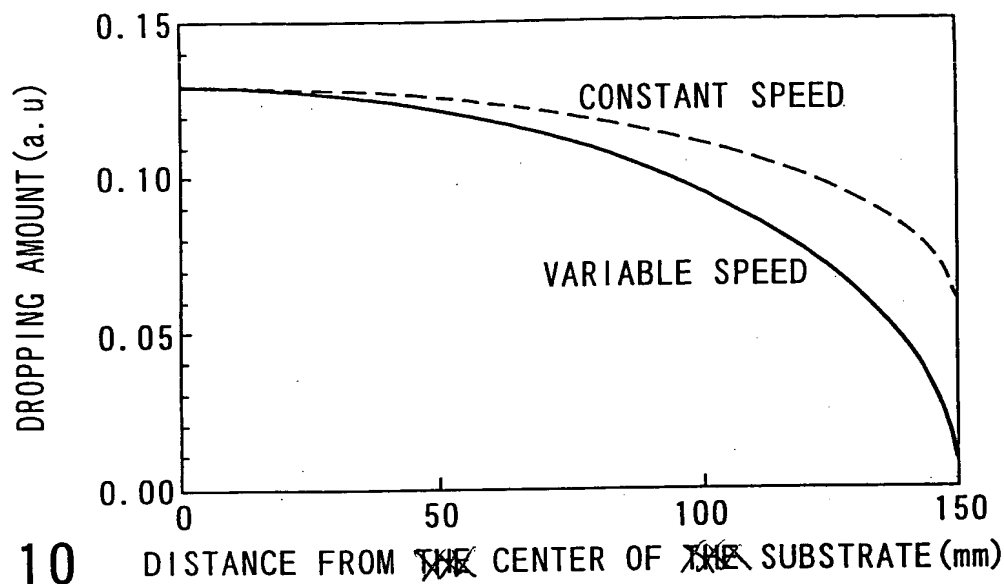


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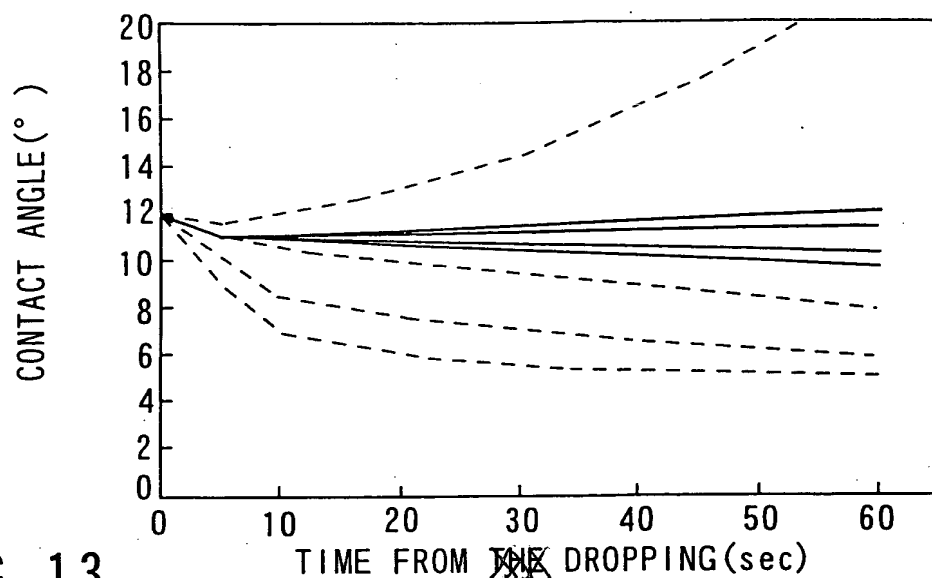


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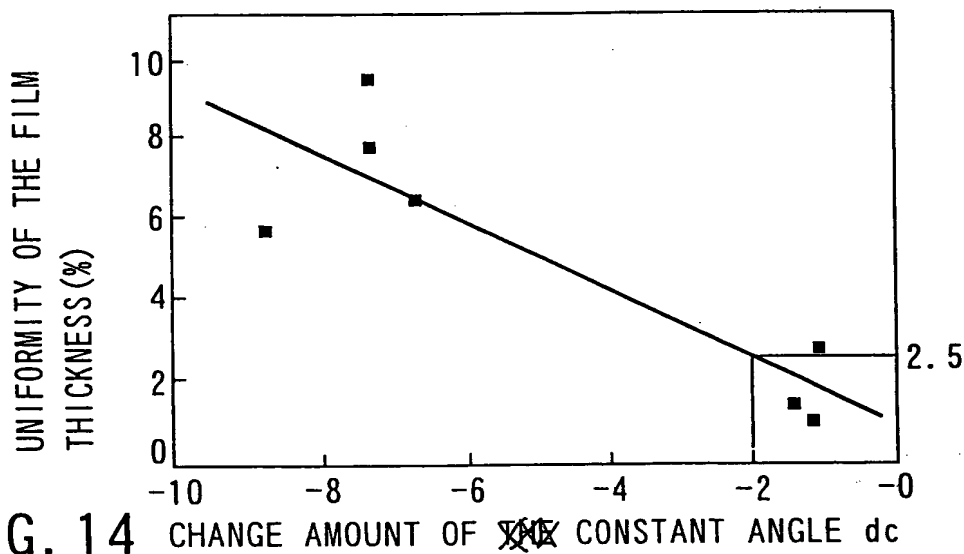
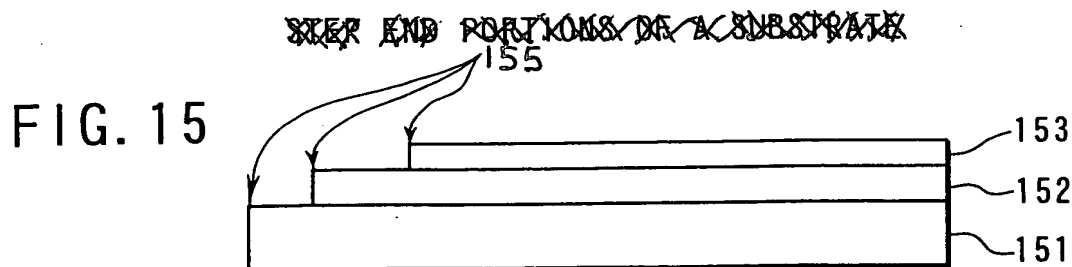


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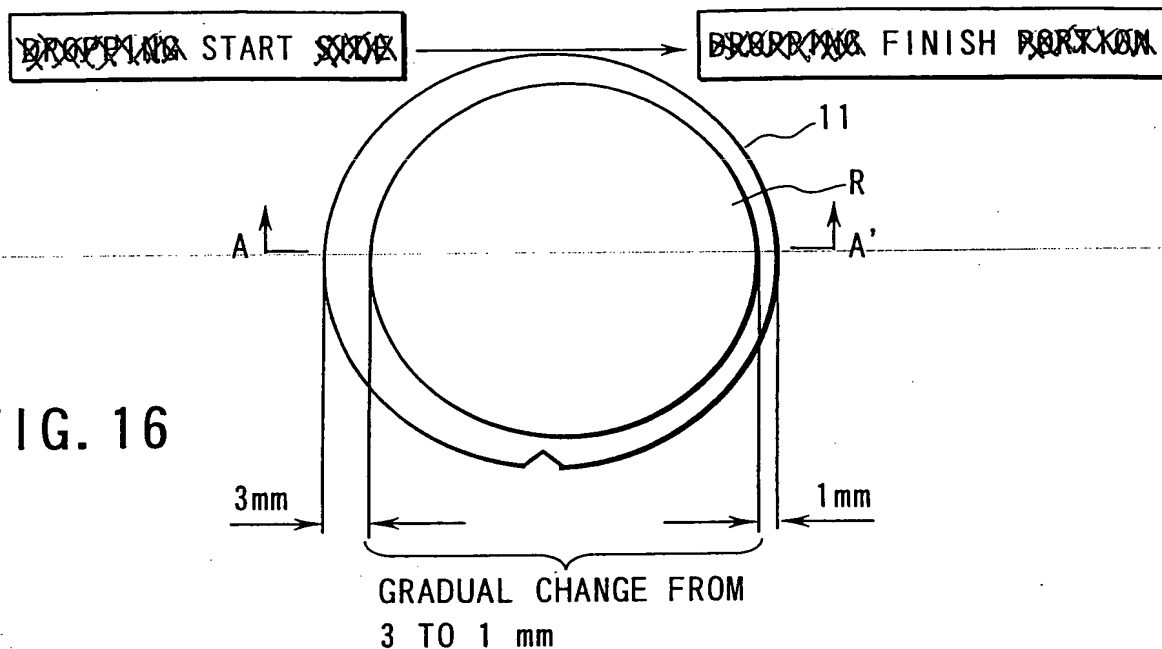


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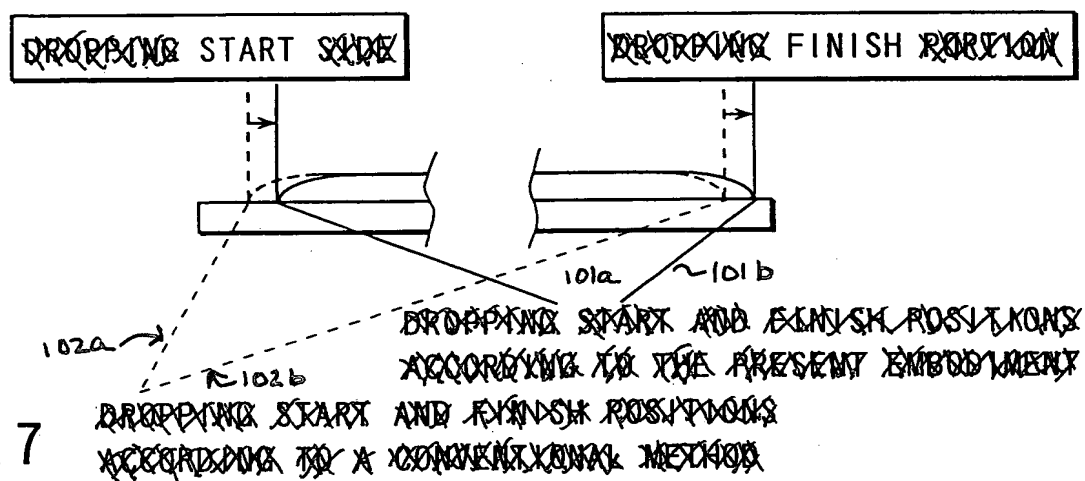
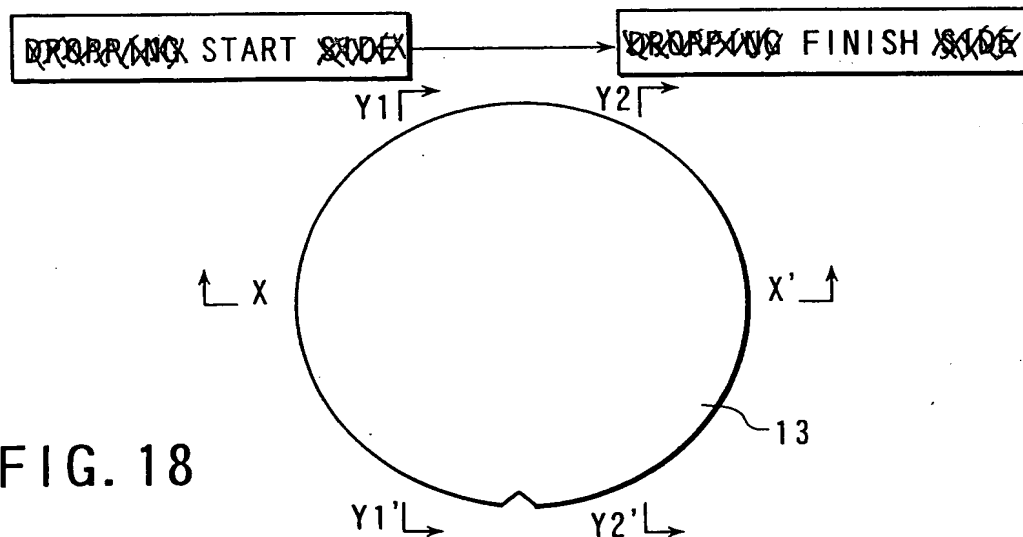


FIG. 18



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RESIST FILM THICKNESS

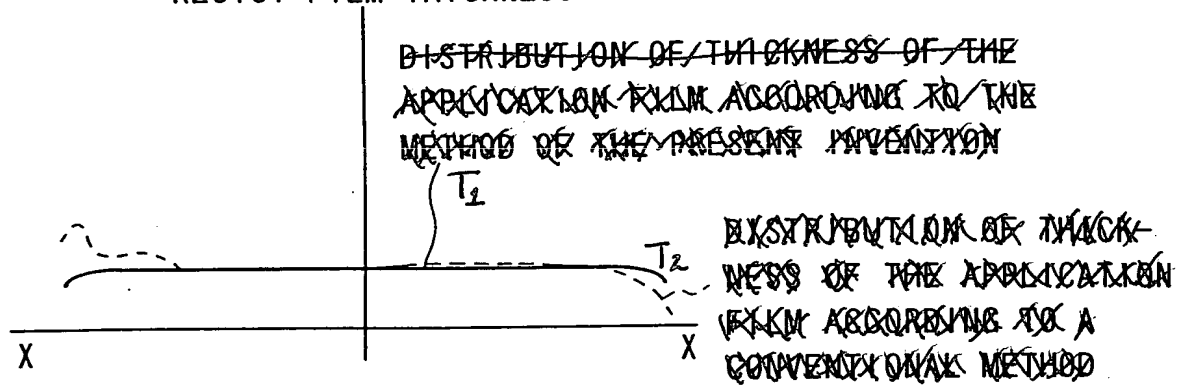


FIG. 19A

RESIST FILM THICKNESS

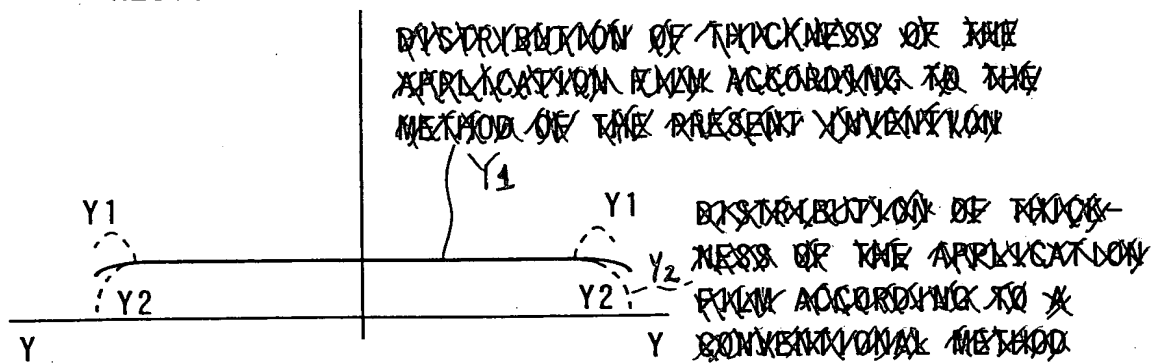
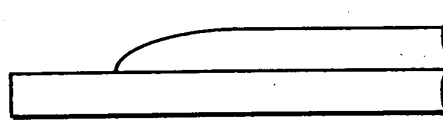


FIG. 19B

FIG. 20A



THE FILM IS STOPPED AT THE END OF THE SUBSTRATE AND THE FILM SWELLS

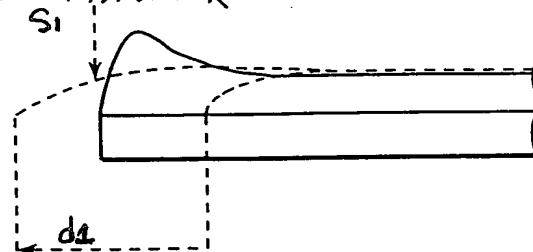


FIG. 20B

FLOWING DISTANCE IN THE CASE THAT THERE IS NO END OF THE SUBSTRATE

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FIG. 21A

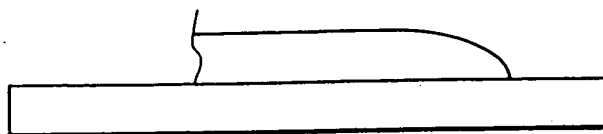
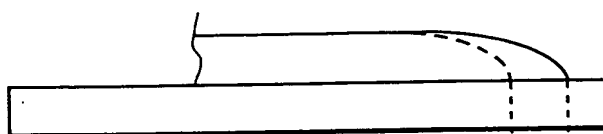


FIG. 21B



RECEDING DISTANCE
 $Df1$

DROPPING START SIDE

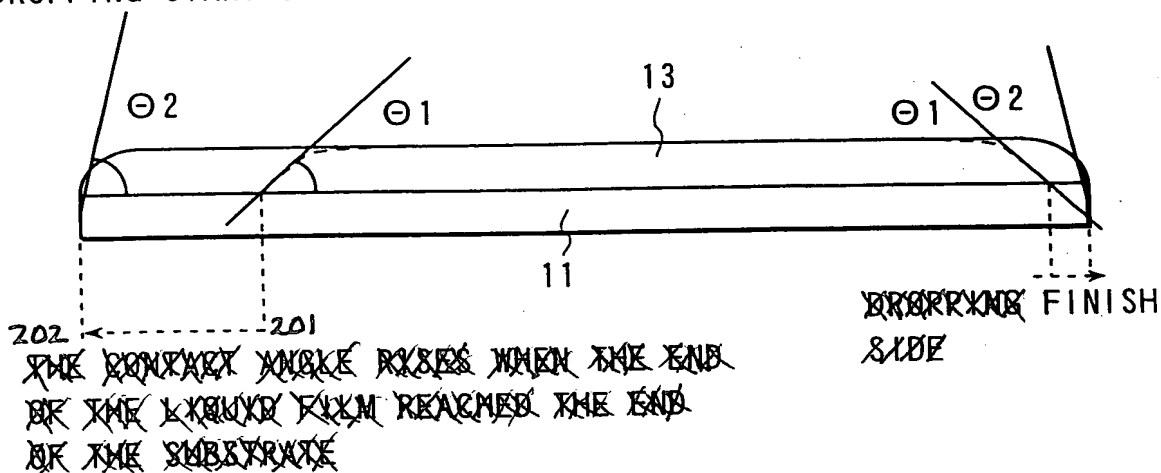


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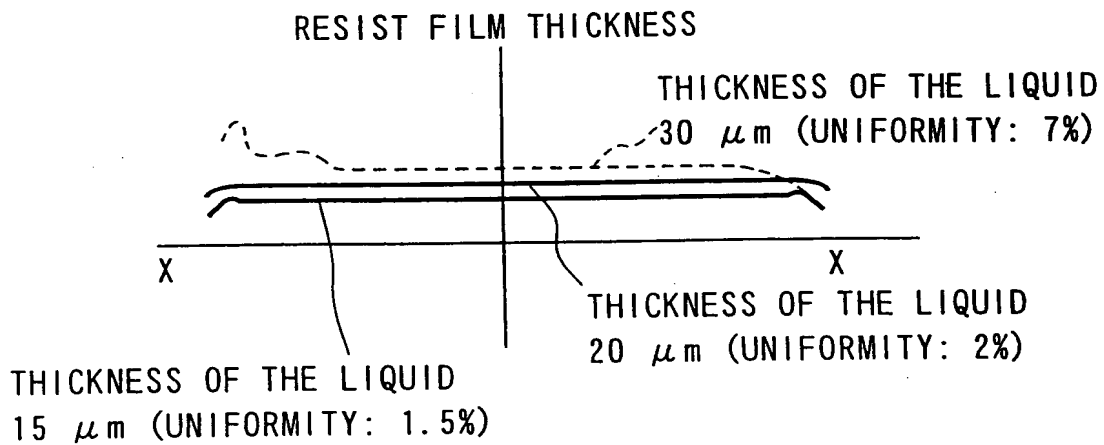
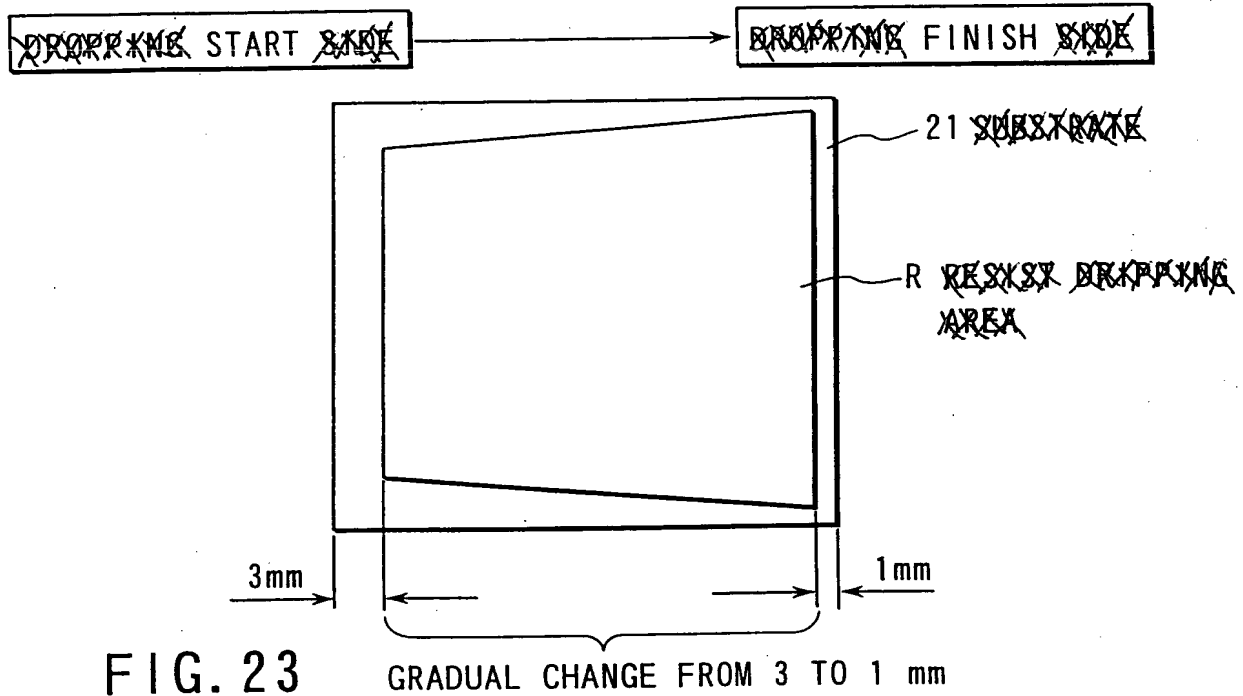


FIG. 24

————— DISTRIBUTION OF THICKNESS OF THE APPLICATION FILM ACCORDING TO THE METHOD OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

----- DISTRIBUTION OF THICKNESS OF THE APPLICATION FILM ACCORDING TO A CONVENTIONAL METHOD

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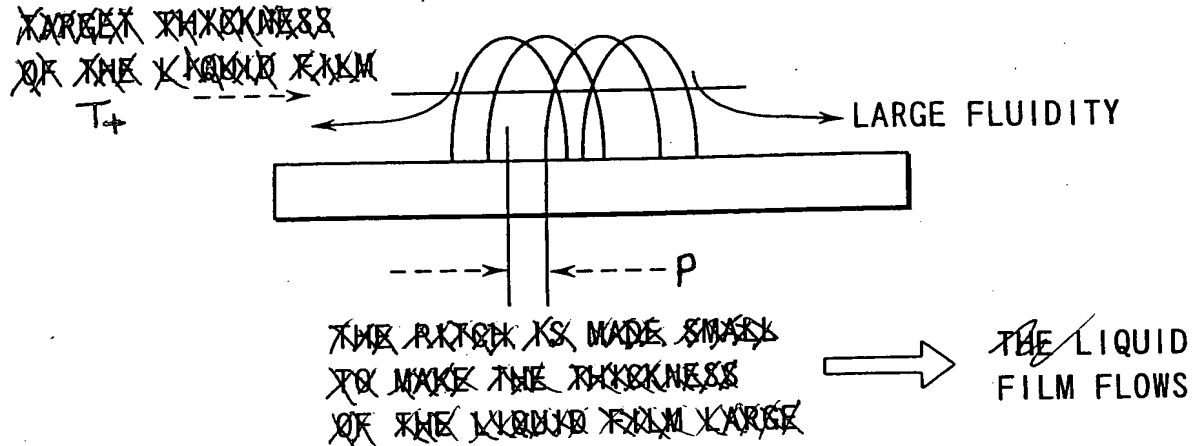


FIG. 25A

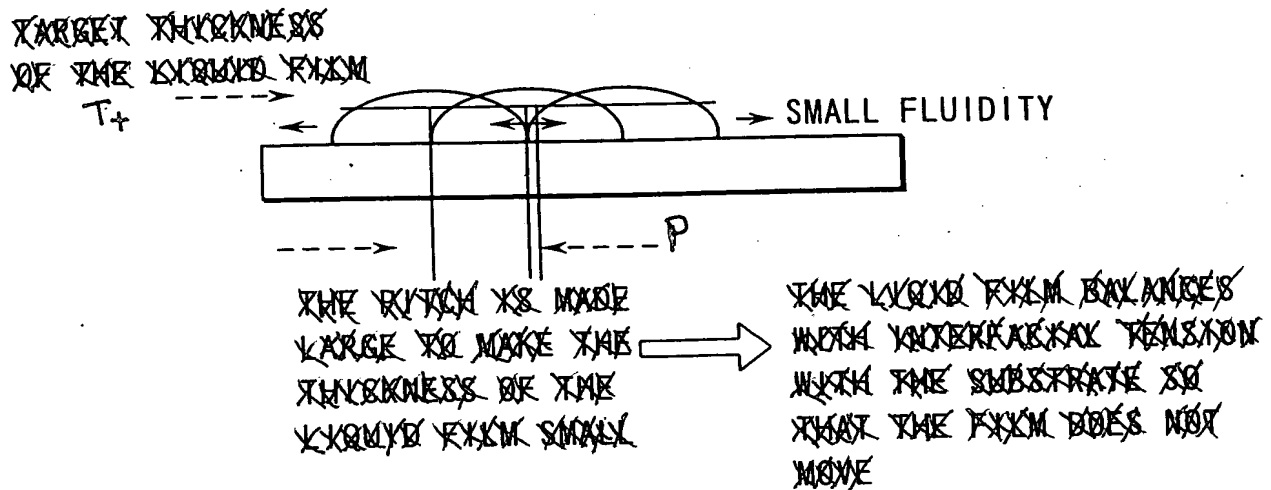


FIG. 25B